

**SERVICE:** Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1778–1779 (Laws to Expire 2; Manufactories 1), 1779–1780 (Tax Commissioners 2). **LOCAL OFFICES:** Queen Caroline Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, in office 1754–1757, 1766, 1772; justice, Anne Arundel County, 1764—at least 1779; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Anne Arundel County, commissioned 1786; justice, Orphans' Court, Anne Arundel County, commissioned 1791 (resigned). **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, company of rangers on the western frontier of Maryland, 1755; captain, Elkridge Troop of Horse, Anne Arundel County Militia, ca. 1755–1761; major, Anne Arundel County Militia, 1761–1773; lt. colonel, Anne Arundel County Militia, appointed 1773. Ridgely was active in the organization of militia companies in northern Anne Arundel County in 1774 and 1775, but did not serve as an officer. In May 1776 he petitioned the Convention to exempt him from militia duty. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,451.0.0, including 29 slaves and 112 oz. plate, 1783. Ridgely borrowed over £400.0.0 sterling from his brother-in-law, **Brice T. B. Worthington** (1727–1794), in 1768, and by 1770 owed him over £2,300.0.0 sterling and £90.0.0 current money for that debt, plus money that Worthington had paid in Ridgely's name to Silvanus Grove, a London merchant, and others. By 1789 Ridgely was also indebted to his sons-in-law, Dr. C. A. Warfield and Thomas Snowden, for almost £1,200.0.0 sterling and £755.0.0 current money on direct loans and bonds secured by them. In 1770, Ridgely directed that 21 of his slaves and 110 head of livestock, plus 10,000 acres of land, be sold by **Brice T. B. Worthington** (1727–1794) to pay his creditors. This sale was apparently not made, and in 1789 Ridgely again instructed his sons-in-law, Warfield and Snowden, to sell 22 slaves and 140 head of livestock, as well as ca. 7,600 acres of land, to pay off his creditors. Most of this property was the same as that described in 1770, and again the sale was not made. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 12,000 acres in Anne Arundel and Frederick counties (at least 307 acres in Anne Arundel County inherited from his father), ca. 10,000 acres of which was under a 1770 mortgage to his brother-in-law **Brice T. B. Worthington** (1727–1794). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 933 acres in Anne Arundel County and divested himself of 1,794 acres in Anne Arundel County (including a gift of 750 acres to his daughter); owned 6,015 acres in Anne Arundel and Montgomery

counties, 1783; mortgaged over 7,600 acres in 1789. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** between May 8 and September 17, 1791, in Anne Arundel County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £872.8.1 current money (including 29 slaves, a parcel of old books, 2 stills, blacksmith tools valued at £8.0.0); FB, estate overpaid £45.4.12, with further debts outstanding of more than £1,600.0.0 current money. His slaves, plus livestock and most other goods, were under mortgage to Worthington. **LAND:** probably ca. 4,700 acres in Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties encumbered by mortgages.

**RIDGELY, JOHN** (by 1724–1771). **BORN:** by 1724, possibly on June 14, 1723; eldest son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** on "Ridgely's Delight" near Baltimore Town, Baltimore County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** **Charles Ridgely** (by 1705–1772). **MOTHER:** Rachel Howard (?–1750). **STEPMOTHER:** as of ca. 1750 Lydia Warfield Stringer. **BROTHERS:** Charles (1727–died young); William (died young); and **Charles Ridgely** (1733–1790). **STEPBROTHERS:** Samuel Stringer; Richard Stringer. **SISTERS:** Pleasance (1724–1777); Achsah (1731–1785); and Rachel, who married **Darby Lux** (?–1795). **STEPSISTERS:** Ann Stringer; Lucy Stringer. **FIRST COUSIN:** **Charles Ridgely, of William** (?–1810). **NIECES:** Rachel Goodwin (?–1819), who married second, **Jesse Hollingsworth** (1732/33–1810); Prudence Carnan (1755–1822), who married **Harry Dorsey Gough** (ca. 1745–1808). **MARRIED** by 1746 Mary (1725–ca. 1786), daughter of Caleb Dorsey (1685–1742) of Anne Arundel County, Gent., and wife Elinor Warfield (1683–1752). Mary was the granddaughter of **John Dorsey** (ca. 1645–1714/15). She was the niece of **Richard Warfield** (ca. 1677–1755); **Alexander Warfield** (1678–1740). Her brothers were Basil (1705–1763), who married Sarah Worthington; John (1708–?), who married Elizabeth Dorsey; Caleb (1710–1772), who married Priscilla Hill; Samuel (1712–1739); Richard (1714–?), who married Elizabeth Beale Nicholson; **Edward Dorsey** (1718–1760); Joshua (1720–1744); and Thomas Beal (1727–?), who married Ann Worthington. Her sisters were Achsah (1704–1741), who married first, Amos Woodward (?–ca. 1735), and second, Edward Fottrell (?–1742); Sophia (1707–?), who married Thomas Gough; Elinor (1715/16–1760), who married first, Thomas Todd (?–1739), and second, William Lynch (?–1751); and Deborah (1722–1807), who married Ely Dorsey (?–1794). Her first cousins were Rachel Howard (?–1750) and Lydia Warfield Stringer, both of whom married